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THE FOLLOWING IS THE SITUATION SUMMARY ON DEVELOPMENTS  
IN NORTH VIETNAM AND THE ADJACENT BORDERS ON CHINA AS OF 27 DEC 62.  
THIS INFORMATION IS COLLATED FROM A NUMBER OF HIGHLY RELIABLE SOURCES.  
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**A. CHINA**

1. A NEW AIRFIELD WITH AN ESTIMATED 5000 X 300 FOOT NE/SW SOD RUNWAY  
(2244N/10005E) HAS REPLACED THE FORMER SSU-MAO AIRFIELD (2245N/10102E)  
WHICH HAS RETURNED TO CULTIVATION. MINOR STORAGE AND REPAIR FACILITIES  
AND A LARGE OPERATIONS BUILDING ARE REPORTED AT THE NEW AIRFIELD. NO  
AIRCRAFT OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED. NO ACTIVITY OR ADDITIONAL  
CONSTRUCTION REPORTED AT MENG-TZU AIRFIELD (2321N/10325E) OR AT MENG-  
TZU NEW AIRFIELD (2325N/10322E). POSSIBLY THREE AIRCRAFT LOCATED AT  
LATTER FIELD. UNABLE TO CONFIRM A REPORTED AIRFIELD AT LUNG LINE (2310N/

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10621E). 2. A REPORTED MILITARY INSTALLATION AT AN-TE-HSU (2312N/10600E) CANNOT BE CONFIRMED. HOWEVER INFORMATION INDICATES THAT A MAJOR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT OF OVER SEVEN-HUNDRED BARRACKS, STORAGE BUILDINGS AND MISCELLANEOUS FACILITIES HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE CITY OF SSU-MAO (2244N/10355E) ASTRIDE A NETWORK OF NEW AND IMPROVED ROADS. NO DEFENSES OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED. ANOTHER LARGE MILITARY INSTALLATION OF APPROXIMATELY ONE-HUNDRED AND TEN BILLETES AND STORAGE BUILDINGS IS REPORTED A HALF MILE W OF MENG-LA (2128N/10134E) ALONG A PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN TWO LANE NATURAL SURFACED ROAD POSSIBLY LINKING MENG-LA WITH THE LAOTIAN BORDER. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN INDICATED. NO SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN REPORTED AT WEN-SHAN (2322N/10414E) SINCE  CURRENT REPORT INDICATES NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY.

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3. FRAGMENTARY REPORTS INDICATE A VERY LOW LEVEL OF VEHICLE ACTIVITY ALONG THE MAJOR ROAD NETWORKS OF CHINA ADJACENT TO LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM. HOWEVER, ALL MAJOR ROADS ARE REPORTED SERVICEABLE.

4. NO MILITARY VEHICLES, DEFENSES OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM THE CITIES OF MA-LIU-T'ANG, NAN CHIAO OR FO HAI. HOWEVER, A LARGE MILITARY GARRISON (2158N/10045E) IS REPORTED ONE MILE S OF FO HAI CONSISTING OF OVER TWO-HUNDRED AND TWENTY BARRACKS AND STORAGE BUILDINGS.

A SECOND MILITARY INSTALLATION OF FORTY-FOUR BARRACKS AND STORAGE

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BUILDINGS IS INDICATED IN MA-LIU-T'ANG (2251N/10246E) AND A THIRD CAMP OF APPROXIMATELY THIRTY BARRACKS BUILDINGS IS REPORTED IN THE NW END OF NAN CHIAO (2201/00015E). AN IMPROVED NATURAL SURFACED ROAD, PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED HAS BEEN OBSERVED FOR SOME MILES RUNNING WSW FROM NAN CHIAO TOWARD THE BURMVSE BORDER.

**B. NORTH VIETNAM**

1. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY AND ABSENCE OF AIRCRAFT NOTED ON THE FOLLOWING SIX NORTH VIETNAMESE AIRFIELDS: DIEN BIEN PHU, (2124N/10301E) LAO KAY (2229N/10358) LAI CHAU (2204N/10310E) LAFG SON (2150N/10646E) NA SAN (2113N/10402E) NGHIA LO (2136N/10430E) AIRFIELDS AT THAN UYEN (2200N/10355E) PHOG THO (2232N/10321E) AND PHU THO (2124N/10513E) HAVE BEEN ABANDONED. EIGHTEEN BARRACKS AND STORAGE BUILDINGS ARE REPORTED JUST NORTH OF THE OLD THAN UYEN RUNWAY. SINCE EARLY 1962 CAO BANG AIRFIELD (2239N/10616E) WAS ABANDONED TO SCRUB GROWTH. REPORTED HOWEVER THE POSSIBLE RENOVATION OF FIELD IS UNDERWAY. A TWO ENGINE AIRCRAFT, TYPE UNKNOWN, WAS OBSERVED ON THE RUNWAY AT HAIPHONG CAT BI AIRFIELD (2049N/10644E).
2. CURRENT STATUS REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM PREVIOUS INFORMATION RECEIVED IN EARLY 1962. FURTHER, NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED AT THE

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FOLLOWING MILITARY INSTALLATIONS: BAN NO NGAM AREA, MILITARY CAMP (2130N/10307E) BIEN SON MILITARY INSTALLATION (2005N/10551E) BORDER OUTPOST (2113N/10255E) (APPROXIMATE) DIEN BIEN PHU MILITARY COMPLEX (2123N/10301E) KY LAM ORD DEPOT (2142N/10515E) PHO THO ARMY SUP DEPOT AND BARRACKS (2124N/10513E) SON LA MILITARY COMPLEX (2120N/10355E) THIET TRA E MILITARY CAMP (2018N/10513E) Y SON AMMUNITION STORAGE (2136N/10459E) HA GIANG MILITARY INSTALLATION (2249N/10459E). SINCE LATE 1961 CONSTRUCTION IS REPORTED COMPLETED ON THIRTEEN BARRACKS AND A NUMBER OF SUPPORT BUILDINGS ABOUT A MILE AND ONE-HALF NE OF THE MILITARY CAMP AT VAF HOI (2134N/10452E). SEVENTEEN ADDITIONAL BARRACKS AND APPROXIMATELY THIRTY SMALLER BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TWO MILES TO THE SE. SEVERAL TRUCKS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED IN THIS AREA. BASED ON PREVIOUS INFORMATION OF EARLY 1962 MILITARY CAMPS IN THE BAF HEA AREA (2108N/10410E) HAVE ADDED NINETEEN BARRACKS AND APPROXIMATELY TWENTY SUPPORT BUILDINGS. PERSONNEL TRENCHES HAVE ALSO BEEN OBSERVED. THIRTY ADDITIONAL BARRACKS HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE ARMY BARRACKS AT BAN LOT (2112VN/10405E) SINCE EARLY 1962. THREE PREVIOUSLY UNKNOWN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING THIS PERIOD. OBSERVED WERE: SEVENTEEN BARRACKS AND TEN SUPPORT BUILDINGS AT NA BO MILITARY CAMP (2051N/10438E) EIGHTY BARRACKS AND STORAGE BUILDINGS AT THUAN CHAU BARRACKS AREA NEW (2126N/10343) AFD FORTY-THREE BARRACKS AND STORAGE

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BUILDINGS AT VIET TRI MILITARY CAMP NEW (2120N/10523E). A LARGE DRIVER TRAINING AREA IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LATTER INSTALLATION ON THE EAST. NO VEHICLES OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED ON THESE INSTALLATIONS. TWELVE VEHICLES WERE REPORTED RECENTLY IN THE VEHICLE TRAINING AREA AT BAN HIN (2115N/10358E) AND TEN TRUCKS OBSERVED AT MOC CHAU ARMY BARRACKS EAST (2049N/10443E). FOUR TRUCKS BUT NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED AT THE MOC CHAU MILITARY INSTALLATION AT 2050N/10437E.

. ROAD NETWORKS IN THE FOLLOWING AREA ARE REPORTED SERVICABLE BUT NO TROOP OR SUPPLY CONCENTRATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. OBSERVATIONS OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC INDICATES A VERY LOW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY. SPORADIC MONITORING WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON ROADS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS. DIEN BIEN PHU TO TRI-BORDER JUNCTION TO LAO KAY (2125N/10302E TO 2229N/10358E) LAO KAY-LAOS BORDER VIA LAI CHAU (2230N/10358E TO 2150N/10238E) MI HU TO LAOS BORDER VIA LAI CHAU AND DIEN BIEN PHU (2250N/1015E TO 2058N/10305E) NORTH VIETNAM-CHINA BORDER (2257N/10558E TO 2256N/10630E) HANOI TO LANG SON (2101N/10551E TO 2151N/10646E) HANOI TO HOUAI HOUN PASS :2101N/10551E TO 2125N.10257E HANOI TO DONG HOI VIA THANH HOA-VINH (2102N/10551E TO 0728N/10637E). THE ROAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM HA GIANG (2249N/10459E) NEW TOWARD THE CHINESE BORDER IS NOW REPORTED AS COMPLETED AND SERVICEABLE. THE RAIL LINE BETWEEN

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LAO KAY AND HANOI IS REPORTED OPERATIONAL AS FAR SOUTH A 2119N/10523E AND NORTH FOR AN UNDETERMINED DISTANCE BEYOND LAO KAY. THE FOLLOWING RAIL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THIRTY-ONE CAR TRAIN SOUTH OF LAO KAY TRAVELING NW TOWARD LAO KAY. SIXTY-FOUR GONDOLA/HOPPER CARS SIGHTED AT VARIOUS SIDINGS. EIGHT CAR TRAIN MOVING TOWARD LAO KAY FROM PHO LU (2219N/10411E). TWELVE CAR TRAIN MOVING SOUTH TOWARD HANOI (2201N/10432E). TRAIN CONTAINING TWENTY-EIGHT HOPPER CARS MOVING SOUTH TOWARD HANOI (2152N/10443E). TRAIN CONTAINING TWENTY-ONE GONDOLA CARS MOVING NORTH TOWARD LAO KAY (2147N/10449E). TRAIN WITH TWENTY-FIVE HOPPER CARS IN MARSHALLING YARD AT YEN BAY TRAVELLING TOWARD HANOI (2142N/10453E). THIRTY-SIX PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK (2100N/10523). EIGHTEEN PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK (2119N/1052E). THIRTY-FOUR BOX/GONDOLA CARS OBSERVED IN THE RAILROAD YARD OF LAO KAY AND SIXTY-SIX ADDITIONAL IN A YARD TWO NM NW OF THE CITY.

4. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED IN AFD AROUND THE TOWNS OF LAFG SON (2151N/10646E), LAICHAU (2204N/10310E), LAOKAY (2231N/10359E), AND CAO BANG (2240N/10615E). AF OCCUPIED HEAVY EIGHT GUN AAA INSTALLATION IS REPORTED AT 2149N/10641E, IMMEDIATELY S OF HAIPHONG. TWO LARGE FREIGHTERS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED MOORED NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY. NO OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED. REPORTS FROM THAI NGUYEN INDICATE CONTINUED CONSTRUCTION AT THE LARGE INDUSTRIAL AREA 2.7 MILES SSE OF THAI NGUYEN. THE AREA IS REPORTED TO BE CONSIDERABLY ENLARGED SINCE [ ] RECENTLY THIRTY-EIGHT PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK, THIRTY TRUCKS AFD HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT WERE REPORTED WITHIN THE PLAFI AREA.

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